

Sir Peter Maxwell Davies began work on his parodic opera *Resurrection* whilst studying at Princeton in the early 1960s but it wasn't until the 1980s that he resumed composition. It was finally staged in 1987. Its violent diversity – though any stylistic jolts are deliberate – takes aim at a series of targets (state, church, and media) and is expressed in a dazzling but masque-like succession of scenes, and through the blackly comic pastiche of hymn tunes, marching bands, saccharine waltzes, and banal TV advertisements.

**Sir Peter  
MAXWELL DAVIES  
(b. 1934)**

**Resurrection (1987)**

**Opera in one act with prologue**

**Music and Libretto by the composer**

Elder Sister, Phoebus Apollo, Antichrist . . . . .	Della Jones, Mezzo-soprano
Mam, Zeus or Hera . . . . .	Christopher Robson, Countertenor
Headmaster, Surgeon 1, White Abbot, Bishop . . . . .	Martyn Hill, Tenor
Vicar, Pluto, Hot Gospeller . . . . .	Neil Jenkins, Tenor
Dad, Surgeon 2, The Rev'd Minister, Policeman . . . . .	Henry Herford, Baritone
Younger brother, Surgeon 3, Sir Croesus Wright, Judge . . . . .	Gerald Finley, Baritone
Doctor, Surgeon 4, Comrade Serbsky, Trade Union Leader . . . . .	Jonathan Best, Bass
Rock band . . . . .	Blaze
Rock band's vocalist / Cat . . . . .	Mary Carewe

**Electronic Vocal Quartet**

Lesley Jane Rogers, Soprano • Deborah Miles-Johnson, Alto  
John Bowley, Tenor • Mark Rowlinson, Bass

**BBC Philharmonic • Maxwell Davies**

**Previously released on Collins Classics**

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